

436 Washington Road Gross Pointe 30 Mich.

July 25 1950

Curator Nantucket Historical Museum

Dear Sir,

WEL June 28
1953

I would like to know if you have original copies of the "Inquirer" which contained articles on the life of Hon. Walter Folger, Born 1765, Died 1849.

I have pages published Wed. May 15, 1850 contributed from the American Jour. of Science and Arts" by William Mitchell. and an article a little over two columns in length simply signed "F" and headed "For the Inquirer Memoirs of the late Hon. Walter Folger".

These were passed on to me by my paternal grandmother Elizabeth Folger Hazelton - the only daughter of the Hon. Walter Folger to live to a ripe old age. I am myself 84 years old.

Twice in my life I visited Nantucket

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briefly. The first time with my father
Capt. William Cross Hazelton. We were the
guests of his Uncle Edward Folger and in
his house (if I remember right) we saw
the remarkable clock. That was in 1886 I
believe.

I remember the painting of
the Hon. Walter Folger in the Whaling
Museum (I believe) but have never had
opportunity to look up records of interest
to the family. I have a copy of the
Nantucket Historical Assn. publication
for 1920 which contains an excellent
article by Wm F. Macy Jr. on Folger.

Please let me know if you have
copies of the "Inquirer" containing the
Folger sketches of 1849 and 1850. If not
I could contribute my long cherished
material. If you already have it I can
pass these remarkable keepsakes to my
grandchildren. Respectfully
Ellen Hazelton Nicol

NO. 57-47-

Esneat grand daughter
Hazelton

Mrs. E. H. Nicol

July 1 1953

436 Washington Road, Grosse Pointe 30, Michigan

Please return
clipping.

Dear Mr. Gardner,

When the postman left a letter for me two days ago from Nantucket my first thought was - it must be from some one who lives in this pleasant suburb of Detroit who vacations on the Island. Not so. Then ^{the} printed page met my eye, and last your written letter. By the way, are you a descendant of one of the early families? Gardner sounds like one of the familiar names.

The letter from me to which you refer is probably one I wrote when I sent a long-cherished newspaper clipping - a sketch of the Hon. Walter Folgers life which was published at the time of his death to my Grand mother Elizabeth Folger Hazelton. ^{There is} Another nearly two column article written by Wm. Mitchell

dated May 15, 1860

in the Inquirer, From the American Jour. of Science and Arts. I trust the Museum at Nantucket has a similar original. It is yellow and fragile, and has been hoarded all the days of my life, and for some years before. I was born July 26, 1866 and can scarcely remember my little Quaker Grandmother only to know she was my very dear Grandma. I do not know very much about

the early history of the Hazeltons. My paternal Grandfather was a Methodist minister who had two brothers, David and Jonathan - their father was Samuel Hazelton who married Mollie Farley.

~~My Minister Grandfather's wife was Deborah Cross.~~
Great grandfather Samuel Hazelton's wife's name was Mollie Farley and they lived in Hebron, state?

So far as I can find out these early Hazeltons were excellent people. I'm sure they were New Englanders I have some early New Hampshire Histories which record my Mother's ancestry. But no Mass. or Conn. records.

One of Father's cousins - Ellen Hazelton Sanborn taught in several girls schools and ended with one of her own in New York City.

So I think the Hon. Walter Folger could be assured that his precious only daughter when she fell in love with the Methodist minister was marrying into a good family. However they had quite a large family, 4 daughters and 3 sons (1821 to 1840) and moved about from one pastorate to another -

I judge the going was a bit hard at times. My Father was the youngest son. He early determined to make life easier for his beloved mother and to see that his youngest sister Hortense got a good education. He was especially fond of Hortense.

He was tall and slender. Taught school when he was 16 years old. Later he managed to get some more

schooling himself. Friends of his were moving west, so when he was about 28 years old he went to Ill.

There is much from this point that I could write, but perhaps, if it seems interesting to you I will stop at this point.

You ask if any of the descendants had Walter's characteristics, originality-brilliance. I've been weighing that in my mind. It happens that in all of the families the girls quite outnumber the boys. And though they are all fine individuals, I am not quite ready to say. One thing I can say about the Hazelton descendants of Walter Folger's daughter they have all (who are old enough) been College graduates except myself, the earliest of the clan and it was only by driving six miles to reach the nearest High School that I got that much education -

Keeping family records has been a source of pleasure to me. I will be 87 years old July 26

Thanks for your letter and good wishes
Ellen Hazelton Nicol

Mrs. E. H. Nicol

July 6 1953

436 Washington Road, Grosse Pointe 30, Michigan

Dear Mr. Gardner,

I am so pleased with the response my Sister in law - Mrs Hugh Hazelton and my sister Jessie Hazelton Askegaard made that after you have used what you see fit - I should like the papers to keep with my family records. There are two or three others of our tribe I may get some good reports from.

My own chief contribution (but you may not see fit to use it) would be a sketch of my Father's life which I wrote some years ago with photos of home & family)

You probably have more material than you can use.

My granddaughters, both young married women think highly of "Hazelton Home."

By the way, my older grand daughter ^{Cadwell} Loraine Dibble lives in Naugatuck Conn (510 N. Church St.) her husband

Lewis Acker Dibble works for the Rissen Man. Co of which his Father Lewis A. Dibble is main owner. The Senior Dibble told me that an ancestor of his was one of the Nantucket Folgers. That at one time he had records to that effect, but he had loaned it to a woman relative. I wonder if you could find out. I've written to Lorraine, ^{it's} sort of funny. Lorraine met the young man to whom she is married about 9 years ago when the Dibble family and the Cadwell family were spending winter vacation at Hillsboro Club Florida, 40 miles up the Atlantic Coast from Miami. My only daughter is married to Sidney M. Cadwell. I am living in their house here now. They have a New York Apartment, to be near the Headquarters of the U. S. Rubber Co for my son in law has been in the employment of that Co for 30 years. I wish you luck in keeping track of family history. I find it a bit confusing but I am 87 years old and perhaps be forgiven.

Ellen Hazelton Nicol

Mrs. E. H. Nicol

Oct. 15 - 1953

436 Washington Road, Grosse Pointe 30, Michigan

Oct 16
Folgers
will send letter

Dear Mr. Gardner,

I received your letter of June 28/53 with plans for write-up of the Folger family - which I rec'd July 1st or 2nd. I promptly looked over my Folger relics and wrote letters to my sisters and my brother's widow. One sister Jessie Hazelton Askegaard, and my brother's widow Mrs. Hugh Hazelton were interested and promptly wrote about the members of their families which I thought were worth while, and which I promptly sent to you, asking that they (the items) be returned to me eventually.

I have waited in vain for any response from you.

However, the Folger saga has grown more interesting than ever to me, for the sister who had not contributed items in regard to her children - Josephine Hazelton Grant, - a widow whose husband had spent the last years of his life as a teacher in Richmond Indiana - Earlham College - a "Friends" College by the way,

found an article in the daily 'Palladium-Ten' Aug 27, 1953
1st page, entitled "Strangest Clock in the World" - Nantucket Mass (A.P.)
It tells of the making of the Folger Clock, its stopping about
the time of Folgers death and the fruitless efforts to make
it run until at last Arthur L. Rawlings of New York
'took it in hand' and put it in order 166 years from
the time great grandfather Folger completed it!

I was so pleased with this news that I wrote
to the Editor for several copies, only 5 could he spare. But
he sent a reporter to my sisters home which resulted in
another item which was also of interest to me from inform.
obtained at A.P. - a source of information I had not appreciated
before.

I had hoped to hear that you received the items
prepared by Mrs. Hazelton and Mrs. Askgaard, but no word
to date. I can still cherish my family keep-sakes
and good Nantucket heritage.

Sincerely
Ellen Hazelton Nicol

Copy of original :-

April 29th 1832

We enjoy tolerable health, we have not entirely got clear of the influenza, we have not any one of us been confined by it. We have had a severe winter, not so cold as sometimes, but continued cold. Wood has been scarce & dear.

It has been sold for 16 dollars per cord. We were comfortable with a good anthracite coal fire. It did not freeze but once in our room. My wife did not intend to like coal, but she could not help liking it. I was glad to find you had been so successful in farming. You may tell Eliza that "Little Horns" lambed yesterday. After you went to Falmouth a bundle was brought back in which was a thermometer. If you had got it you would have known how cold a New Hampshire winter was.

Yours

Walter Folger

See other side :-

Mrs. E. H. Nicol

436 Washington Road, Grosse Pointe 30, Michigan

I figure this letter was written by Walter Folger 17 years before his death to the family of his daughter, Eliza Folger Hazelton, who was my paternal Grandmother and the Eliza he mentions was my Aunt Eliza, when she was a little girl - ~~the~~ who years later was Mrs. Hiram Glines. "Little Horns" probably a pet lamb that little Eliza had known.

The letter was written on a single sheet of paper, folded and addressed on the outside to

Mr. Benjamin Hazelton
Northfield

N. H.

Closed with sealing wax and faintly stamped with May 4 written inside the oval.

Nov 4/53
Will relate as soon as I have made into
Oct. 29 1953

Dear Dr. Gardner,

I am mailing you a booklet made several years ago. The children in the family groups are all grown up now and have children of their own; carrying on, I think, the good qualities of the tribe.

My Father's oldest Brother Benson took up photography at an early date, locating in Boston Mass. I did not know him well. My Uncle Frank (Benj. F. Hazelton) was from childhood rather frail. Father took care of his later years. He died in the mid-west and is buried in the Hazelton family lot at Union Ridge near Chicago where my parents and three of their little children lie.

Three of my Father's sisters had died before my Parents were married. Two of them, young married women, of T. B. The youngest sister, Hortense, when she was 18 of Typhoid Fever. Her death was a terrible blow to my Father who adored his little sister and planned to give her all the advantages of higher education.

That left only Aunt Josephine at home with the aging parents when Father was free from Army service.

An Army comrade from near Chicago knew of a farm for sale near his own home in Ill. So at the close of Civil War the New Hampshire farm owned by Benjamin Hazelton (my grandfather) was sold and my Parents, my grand parents and my Aunt Josie all journeyed to Chicago by train.

Aunt Josephine soon found a school that needed a teacher. Grandpa Hazelton, a friendly soul, called on the neighbors. They were mostly foreigners - Swedes, Norwegians, a few Scotch.

They all liked the friendly old gentleman.

There was a Masonic Lodge at Jefferson a mile away. The Rev. Benj. H. was a member of that Organization. When my grandfather died members of the Lodge insisted on taking charge of the service which was held in the Congl. Church. They took part in full regalia.

I remember my Grandmother H. but faintly but her story of going blackberrying as a child in Nantucket remains as vivid as yesterday & has been passed on to three generations.

My Aunt Josephine married a prosperous farmer (whom we all liked) They lived about

fifteen miles from us. Once or twice a year the Allens came to visit us - an overnight stop when we drove. When I got old enuf to make a train trip alone I could go from Jefferson to Arlington Heights and be met there with horse and carriage. When I was about ten years old on the return trip Aunt Josephine asked me which I would rather have - a pair of gloves or a gold ring? I thought a minute. Gloves I'd be likely to have anyway - I'd never had a ring. So we went to a shop at Arlington H. and found a ring - right size - And went home happily.

Best wishes to you from

Ellen Hazelton Nicol

Thursday
Oct. 29/53

Dear Mrs Nicol:

Your letter with enclosures has been read with excitement. I am now writing the chapter on THE MYSTERY OF SPACE----- so you can imagine the feeling I had when I read your W.F. original on that subject, I shall use it all in my book and say it is from your Folger Collection.

And I wish I could use most all your other very very interesting accounts of the descendants of Benjamin and Elizabeth----- but my book can only have 200 pages and must confine itself to Walter. The cost of publishing is very great as compared with five years ago. Our first issue is usually 3000 and we get our money back in about five years (I take no royalties).

I have had a conference with my advisors and the general opinion is that in the Notes at the end we should make an exception and use a page or two for an account of Walter's only married daughter and some of her descents,

can produce
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This is to let you know what is being considered. You have opened one of the most interesting evidences of what inheritance and I think that Walter must be very proud of his Elizabeth and her children.

Have you a picture of ~~W~~ Josephine--- if not I will loan you one that shows she had a lot of Folger blood in her.

I am keeping your items safely and will return them soon.

Faithfully

Sunday A.M. Nov 8 1953

Dear Dr. Gardner,

I'm afraid I am destined to be not only the oldest but the biggest nuisance of your correspondants. While trying to arrange my various family keepsakes this morning, I find that on the same page of the Nantucket Enquirer of Wed. May 15, 1850 on which the Walter Folger ^{Memor} (by Wm Mitchell) is printed is 1½ columns - a letter by C.H. Gardner 2nd to his father. It is headed "New Nantucket, (Tuolumne River) March 13, 1850." and I judge was located in Cal. and in gold-mining days. You probably know about all this and have in your possession the identical letter, or its copy in the Nantucket Historical Museum. The article is well written & very interesting, especially to people who carry on the Gardner name, I should think. To me it seems

a great discovery, and I'm surprised that I never read and appreciated it before. If it is to you a new discovery I think my Grand Daughter who is keeping house for me here in Mich. could make a typed copy I could send you. I could scarcely trust the yellowed frail original to the mails. Let me know please, if any of the Gardner family or persons concerned with the early days, have the letter or a copy of this letter which was printed May 15, 1850 in the Naugatuck Inquirer. I think it is precious.

Best wishes to you

Ellen Hazelton Nicol.

Has a History of the Gardner family ever been written? If so then this letter which is a discovery to me probably was published long ago.

E.H.N.

Mrs. E. H. Nicol
436 Washington Road
Grosse Pointe 30, Mich. Nov 18 1953

Dear Dr. Gardner,

I have tried to Condense
information about the living members of the tribe
to the minimum which is rather unsatisfactory.

But when I think of the many personalities you
probably have to contend with in writing about
the brother's of my grandmother Eliza Folgers and
their progeny I don't envy your task.

I shall be leaving the Grosse Pointe home in about a
week to be with my daughter Mrs. S. M. Cadwell and
whose address is 18 East 68th St. New York 21 Apt 3-A
and later with my granddaughter Mrs. L. A. Dibble II
whose address is 510 N. Church St. Naugatuck Conn.
then before Christmas to Hillsboro Club, Pompano Fla.
for a few weeks. My best wishes to you and
your coming book Sincerely Ellen H. Nicol

P.S. I will not have family records with me
while away or all the addresses but will try to
give or get any information desirable.

Mrs. E. H. Nicol
436 Washington Road
Grosse Pointe 30, Mich. Friday Nov. 20, 1953

Dear Dr. Gardner,

I am so happy that you can make use of Mary Rand's letter, and my Grand-daughter who is keeping house here has promised to copy the Comet letter which you will think good material for your book. I wonder what a present day astronomer would say about Walter Folgers opinions. I never studied Astronomy and have often regretted it. Had you thought of having any pictures of the early generations in your book. I have a film of Aunt Josephine Hazelton Allen, the standing pose shown in "Hazelton Home" and a pretty good film of Father in his later years that I could loan you. I'm enclosing ^{a photo} one of Father taken soon after he enlisted in the Civil War as a cavalryman. And the only picture I have of my Grandmother Eliza Folger H. She was then an old lady

and plainly without "store" teeth. Wearing the lacy cap that was current in those days. I think her hair never became all white - as mine is now. Because the lock saved (I have it with my keepsakes) is dark brown with hardly a bit of white.

She used to tell me a story that has been a favorite with subsequent little folks. We call it the "Blackberry Story" of Nantucket children who spent a day picking berries. Did not start home before darkness came on, had a sad tired time. Finally heard a dog bark, it led them to an Indian cabin. Kindly rec'd - Pretty soon rumble of wheels - Father comes, helped tired children into wagon. Soon back home. Father called out - "The lost children are found, and we are carting them ^{into the town} ~~back home~~. This is just the outline. I've never known whether it was just the Folgers or maybe the Gardner & other neighboring children too.

I haven't been able to tell you how lovely a person I always thought my Aunt Josephine^{H.} Allen was, she was in every way my standard of what a lovely lady should be, in voice and taste in clothes in kindness - She had lovely dark brown hair, fine and long, it was fascinating to watch her comb it. Best wishes to you & your book
E. H. K.

Is the Dr. a medical Dr.?
Tell me a little about yourself.

5-10 N. Church St-
Naugatuck
Conn.

Mrs. E. H. Nicol
~~436 Washington Road~~
~~Grosse Pointe 30, Mich~~

Nov. 28 1953

Dear Dr. Gardner,

Well, I am "just around the corner" from you just now. Your letter enclosing the only ^{written} my Grandfather Benj. Hazelton, came this morning. I am much interested in the "Chats" and will try to read and copy the entirely unexpected letter my Grandfather Benj. Hazelton wrote such a long time ago. I did not dream it was still in existence. In this Naugatuck household, where one of my Granddaughters + I reached yesterday, by means of a Ford car, one night spent in a Hostel along the way - are four generations today: - Grandmother E. H. Nicol her daughter Elizabeth Nicol Cadwell, ~~her~~ daughter Loraine Cadwell Dibble who with her husband Lewis A.D.# owns the cottage-home and their 7 + 6 years old son and daughter.

I will gladly send you names and addresses

later of the heads of households that might be interested in your book when it is printed.

I will try to make a legible copy of my great-grandfather's letter - enough to introduce the more understandable article which his son-in-law wrote in answer. I hadn't the least idea that Benjamin Hazelton's letter remained in existence. How come?

Best wishes from
Ellen H. Nicol

P.S. I expect to remain in Nantucket until about Dec 13 when address:-

Hillsboro Club
Pompano
Fla.

I fear my letters are as incoherent as my Grand Father Hazelton's seem to be. But he was a good man.

with so many people of past generations & their descendants on your mind. Good luck to you & best wishes

Ellen H. Nicol

Wed. Dec. 9 1953

Dear Dr. Gardner, ~~This is~~ just to reassure you that I've got the letters of 1832 straightened out & will mail them back to you soon. Also I will send addresses of the scattered young generation -

It's a busy household here in Naugatuck. Mr L. A. Dibble senior loaned me his book of family records - most impressive.

It starts out with J. Folger & Peter Folger, but does not include

Walter Folger I or II but
does include Eliagar Folger who
was born 1648 - died 1747 -
married Sarah Gardner 1671

So maybe you are a distant
Cousin!

I found my dear Grandfather's
letter pretty difficult to read but
think I have the "gist" of it
and am happy to feel ~~as~~ I
have done something to carry
on the good name of our time.

In this household there are two
little 2nd + 3rd grade school
children - my great-grandchildren.

Another is expected before
Christmas. I can help by
dish-washing and mending.

The expectant-mother volunteers
to type the Hazelton letter. If
this gets done soon I will send it
or the written copy to you.

I'd think you would be confused

Naugatuck Conn. Dec 12 1953

Dear Dr.

Yesterday my granddaughter mailed the 1832 letters re. the Comet. I am sorry that my grandfather's letter was not typed. I have saved a copy in my own hand, which is legible to me. I hadn't the heart to urge my very busy granddaughter to do the typing. And it was really a joy to me to feel I was doing something for a dear grandfather whom I do not really remember, as I was a baby when he died.

I think the correspondance between the two men is very revealing. Do you know how come Eliza Folger first met the Rev. H^o Benj. Hazelton? This is how it was told me. Walter Folger's daughter went with some young friends - Friends probably - to Martha's Vineyard to hear a visiting Methodist minister - Benj. F. Hazelton, and ^{she} became very favorably impressed, as did the minister.

This happened at a time Father Folger was away in Mass. When he came home and found out that his daughter ^{was in love} (only daughter I think) he was quite put out. However before very long he had an opportunity to meet the young preacher and hear him speak. Apparently he relented and dear daughter was married to the Methodist minister two years after they first met. I think she remained in all ways a Quaker to the end of her life. It is interesting that Aunt Josephine was a member of the Methodist Church thru' her life time. My father much admired a certain Congregational Minister - a Mr. Curtis - who performed the marriage ceremony for my parents. He remained a Congregational member. Since my daughter's marriage we have been members of a Presbyterian Church in Mich.

I have written to my Aunt Josie's daughter for the address of one of her sons. My cousin "Queenie" about 80 is well but quite blind. She has two fine married sons, both graduates of Princeton.

Hastily Ellen Hazelton Nicol

Dr. & Mrs. W.A. Mac Coll - niece
815 - 36th St - ^{my brother's daughter}
Seattle 2 Wash.

Mr. Hugh Grant - nephew
R. D 4
Hutchinson Kansas

Mrs. ~~Elis~~ Jissie H. Oskegard - widow - sister
and her dau. Mrs Keith Billman niece
5849 Woolman Court
Parma Ohio

Mrs. Grady Stubbs - nee Evelyn Grant - niece
3609 Esther St.
Flint - 5 Mich

Mrs. Donnal Boardman nee Evelyn Grant
Acton Mass ^{niece}
Dr's office 28 Nason St
Manard Mass

Mrs W^m Dance nee Betty Cadwell - my granddaughter
436 Washington Road
Grosse Pointe Mich.

Mrs. L.A. Dibble nee Loraine Cadwell
510 N. Church St. ^{elder grand daughter}
Naugatuck
Conn

Mrs Hugh Hazelton ^{my brother's widow}
and Mrs Butler Beaumont - niece
170 Sherwood Place
Englewood
New Jersey

Mrs H. E. D. Grant - widow - sister
330 College Ave
Richmond Ind.

Mr. Hugh Hazelton nephew
526 N. Washington St.
Hinsdale
Ill.

Mr Hugh Grant (nephew) son of my sister Josephine H. Grant.
526 W. Washington St.
Hinsdale
Ill.

Mrs. Wm Whipple (widow, cousin) dau. of Josephine Hazelton Allen
506 N. Dunton Ave.
Arlington Heights
Ill.

Mr Allen Bray Grandson of my Aunt Josephine Hazelton Allen
~~1016 Harvard~~ 401 Washington
Glencoe
Ill.

Mr. John Bray (brother of Allen Bray) address to be obtained

Hillsboro Club
POMPAHO BEACH
FLORIDA

Mon. Dec. 21 1953

Dear Mr. Gardner,

I am down here on the Florida coast with my daughter and son-in-law Mr. & Mrs. Sidney M. Cadwell for about a month. It is a wonderful winter vacation place visited yearly by about the same northern people, so arrival is like a home coming. I had been with my elder granddaughter - Lorraine Cadwell Dibble since Thanksgiving. She has two little school age children and a baby boy born Dec. 18 who is to be called Peter Cadwell Dibble - a fine 9 lb. boy

I am pleased to think the Peter was chosen in remembrance of our enterprising first ancestor who came to America (according to my family record.)

The Cadwell honors Lorraine's father who well deserves it. On his mother's side he has a most worthy ancestry.

Then we drive along the beach north of here

we pass an unbuilt stretch of natural growth where two huge ship anchors are set upright. They look ages old - all stained & eroded with time.

It always reminds me of the early day whalers. I mean to ask about them. If I were an artist I would certainly draw a picture of them - set so each props the other up.

We will be staying here about a month, then I will go back via N. Y., Perhaps stopping a short time at Naugatuck Conn. to see the new Great grandson, and then back to Grasse Pointe, Mich.

Best wishes to you and yours
Ellen Hazelton Nicol.

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A. Mustler
Hillsboro Club
POMPANO BEACH
FLORIDA
Jan 1 1954
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Dear Dr. Gardner,

Your letter with
items enclosed was forwarded from Naugatuck
Conn. & reached me yesterday.

I think my sister-in law Mrs. Hugh Hazelton of
Englewood N.J. did a very nice job of writing
up the family and that she would be willing
for you to use them as a sample, certainly
it suits me and I think my sisters would
say the same.

There are two grown-up sons named Hugh (for
my brother) one is Hugh Hazelton 2nd who
lives in Hinsdale Ill. The other is sister
Josephine H. Grant's son Hugh H. Grant who
lives in Hutchinson Kansas. He is the
one of whom I said that besides making good
with his occupation he is working hard to
promote boy scouts and other good influences
for boys of that area. Has one of his own

who is coming on fine.

As to Grandfather Benjamin Hazelton's pastorates I have no record. I think Methodist ministers are shifted by "powers-that-be" to a succession of places. And I'm under the impression that he had inherited a small farm at Hebron N.H. and had retired there for some time before 1864. However my father took the responsibility of caring for his ageing parents and at the close of the Civil war lost ~~now~~ no time in taking them and his wife and sister Josephine to a new home in the west.

Would you like to have me return to you the letter from Mrs. Hugh Hazelton?

WE, my daughter Elizabeth - her husband and I will be in Hillsboro Club two weeks in Jan. when I will stop at Naugatuck Conn. long enough to make the acquaintance of my new great-grandson Peter Cadwall Diddle. A Happy New Year!
Ellen H. Nicol

Hillsboro Club
POMPANO BEACH
FLORIDA

Sat. Jan. 9-1954

Dear Dr. Gardner,

Your letter of Jan. 6 reached me this morning and I am glad to mail the good letter from my lovely sister-in-law back for you to use. It is typical of what could be said about the younger generation of the other Hazelton families.

In my Christmas mail a niece wrote of her two school age daughters "Kitty" (in High School) "has made all A's again this year and we are very proud of her". Mary is doing very well too."

Our lovely month ^{in Florida} is drawing to a close. After Jan. 13 my address will be at the home of a grand-daughter who lives at:-
510 N. Church St. Naugatuck Conn.

There I will make the acquaintance of a new Great grandson who was born Dec. 18

and has been named Peter Cadwell Dibble.

The Peter is in honor of Peter Folger, Cadwell the ^{family} name of baby's grandfather. We had no Peter in recent-family history. All consider it a good substantial name and the 9 lb. boy promises to be worthy of it.

I will probably remain in Conn. a few weeks and will let you know when I return to Mich.

I enjoy the beach with occasional big freighters in sight going to Miami or Havana. Also we are not too far from the Gulf stream to sometimes see ships along the horizon going north. Younger's guests do a lot of swimming but I am glad to be able to trudge along the sandy beach looking for sea shells. I have shell books and identify quite a variety of little shells. We have at home a big conch shell which used to serve as a dinner horn when I was a child on an Ill. farm. I wouldn't wonder if it came from Nantucket. But how it had its point sawed off I never knew.

E. H. Nicol

Hillsboro Club
POMPAHO BEACH
FLORIDA

Jan 27
my Mrs. H. I feel me
wonder

Jan 20 1954

Dear Dr. Gardner,

We are planning to go north at the end of this week. This A.M. I looked over my Holiday mail and first of all the letter I brot down here that was received shortly before we made the trip to Florida.

I had thought I answered it fully some weeks ago but looking at it again I find I have not sent back the pages you enclosed giving names and dates 1765-1888.

I think I answered that letter in part, but perhaps I should have returned it in entirety. Well, I am saving it and will return all if you wish it.

There is little that I could add or correct except to add that my Grandfather Hazelboms middle name was Franklin as he was related to Benjamin Franklin. I've always tho't he was a cousin - may be.

My great-grandmother on my Mothers side was a cousin of Daniel Webster and helped him

get a College Education. This G. grandmother's name was Betsy Pittingill as a girl, and married — Eastman.

She lived to be 105 years old in New Hampshire and was particularly fond of my mother who was an orphan and at two years old lived for several years with this well preserved old lady and she sent her blessing when she learned of my birth in 1866. Here I am burdening you with more family history when I know I would be swamped with the many items already having to keep track of.

I have saved the Folger pages you sent me and will return them if you had not kept a copy. So sorry to have been remiss.

My address until middle Feb. will be with a Granddaughter who lives at
Mrs Leno A. Dibble Jr — 510 North Church St
Naugatuck
Conn.

Respectfully

Ellen H. Nicol

Mrs. E. H. Nicol
436 Washington Road
Grosse Pointe 30, Mich.

Jan 28 1954

Dear Dr. Gardner,

I am sending perhaps more than you suggested, in the hope that I haven't lost track of anything of interest during my migration--

Coming back to my granddaughter's home here in Naugatuck, I've had a very pleasant surprise. A neighbor of hers here, a Mrs Schomuck is familiar with Nantucket and has your books and I have read "Three Bricks and Three Brothers" with appreciation and pleasure and I'm ready for "The Coffin Saga".

Also I have a letter ready to mail to my nice sister in law - Mrs. Hugh Hazelton of Englewood N. J. - urging her to ^{let you} use her material. She can depict my brothers later years much better than I.

He was my constant playmate and companion for the first 18 or 20 years of my life and I still miss

him more than anyone I ever knew. This is not for publication you know. All the trips early in spring for the wildflowers, all the cherry picking and berrying, all the driving to High School together was with brother Hugh. One day we tied a white rag to a spoke of the buggy wheel and counted the revolutions all the way to Lake View high school. It figured out to be six miles.

I hope this finds you well recovered from grip. There were several cases even in lovely Hillsboro, tho I escaped and was able to go shelling almost every day.

Best-Wishes

Ellen H. Nicol

P.S.

My grand daughter did not seem to find time to type the letter Grandfather Benj. F. Hazelton wrote -

MRS. HUGH HAZELTON
170 SHERWOOD PLACE
ENGLEWOOD, NEW JERSEY

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Jan. 26th, 1954

My dear Mrs. Gardner, - I sincerely regret that because of a serious illness I have not been able to reply to your very interesting letter until this late date. I am spending the winter with my elder daughter Mrs. E. B. Beaumont of Englewood, N. J. My sister-in-law Mrs. Nicol has written me about your work and I hope you will mail me a copy of your new book "The Clock that Talks and What it Tells". Enclosed is a check for \$3.25 to cover the price of the book and postage.

Sincerely yours,

Caroline Norton Hazelton

Present address
510 N. Church St.
Nantucket Conn.

Mrs. E. H. Nicol
436 Washington Road
Grosse Pointe 30, Mich.

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Dear Dr. Gardner,

My suit-case has been the receptacle of letters, Christmas cards and ^{business} letters during past weeks. Trying to bring items in order I discovered perhaps the very items you wished me to return. I trust the material will be included in your forth coming book for I'm greatly interested in the history of Nantucket and its people and can hardly wait for the new book.

I hadn't realized what a lucrative business was the whaling work. My grand-daughter here tells me that whale oil is still used. I have read both the books on the Starbuck and the Coffin families and feel proud and happy to note the relationship among the fine early families. Twice, in early life, I briefly visited Nantucket, first with my father and later with a favorite niece - sister Jessie's daughter in her teens. Nowing 88 yrs old I am not likely apt to go there myself, but I do hope to interest the younger generation to not only

read about the early history but to go to see the Island
and see the homes and the historic spots and the Clock;
the Museum etc.

I wonder if I sent you a copy of a letter Aunt-
Josephine Hazelton Allen wrote me once about the
time her mother went to visit her parents:- The
Hon. Walter Folger & wife and she (Josephine) baked
food for her brother who was away at school.

I am not only happy to be of some small help to
you but can look forward to be able to leave to
the three precious little great-grand children here
a printed record of early family connections and life.

Sincerely
Ellen Hazelton Nicol

I will be going back to the Mich. home in a few
weeks.

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MRS. HUGH HAZELTON
170 SHERWOOD PLACE
ENGLEWOOD, NEW JERSEY

Feb 5th, 1934

Dear Mr. Gardner, - It is very kind of you to take so much interest in the revolving dome that my husband built for our eleven inch telescope. The little reflector that we had at first we could carry about easily and set up on its tripod anywhere we pleased. But the eleven inch reflector looked appallingly big when it arrived. We didn't know where we could put it. However automobiles were just coming on the market, and our children were crazy to have a car. To Mr. Hazelton said, "If we have a car, we should have to build a garage, and if we built a garage large enough to hold two cars, then we

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~~was~~ could build a big dome on one corner of the roof and so make a fine observatory for the big telescope.

The garage was built to our satisfaction and the Ford car we put in it was a great joy, but no one in Englewood nor in any of the surrounding towns knew how to build the revolving dome for the telescope, that of course had to be on ball bearings.

So Mr. Hazelton said, "well, since nobody else knows how to build a revolving dome, I will learn how, and build it myself!"

Every Saturday afternoon he worked on the dome and had lots of fun doing it, and always a crowd of interested little boys watched his progress.

We studied astronomy and learned to recognize and love, and call by name, all the major constellations. But after a few years.

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our own and our neighbors trees grow tall and obstructed the view, and the brilliant light from the great city of New York just across the Hudson River made the stars soon dim, and then the mirror of the telescope needed to be polished, and we couldn't afford to have it done, and the children liked better to ride in the family car than to study astronomy so our big eleven inch telescope is no longer used or even usable.

Forgive me for writing at such length. I hope I have not bored you. The whole story is just to illustrate the creative ability of my husband Hugh Hazelton. To my mind he is a worthy descendant of the Great Walter Folger.

Sincerely yours
Caroline Norton Hazelton

510 N. Church St

Naugatuck Conn

Feb. 8 1954

Dear Dr. Gardner,

I "have a concern" (is that the way a Quaker would express it-?) that I should offer to send you a book of letters that were written by my father from about 1860 to 1864 to his parents in N.H. and to my mother including his service in the Civil war. After the death of my Father - Capt Wm C Hazelton I looked over the box full of letters, arranging them according to date & location, copied them by hand. I had five copies typed and with a few photographs neatly bound, giving one to my Aunt Josephine H. Allen one to my brother Hugh Hazelton and one to each of my sisters Josephine H. Grant and Jessie H. Askegaard.

Aunt Josephine lived to be more than 90 years old. Before she died she sent back her copy, realizing I would want to leave a copy to each of my granddaughters, - which thought I deeply appreciate.

Since reading your two books it occurs to me you might possibly like to look over the record of Father's war years. There may be nothing of value to the Folger record, and yet you might some day say "Why didn't you let me know you had all that revealing material?" It is precious to me. It required almost no editing to make it suitable for any one interested. One copy nicely survived a trip to be read by several families in the Chicago suburb who were our near neighbors during Father's later years.

The original letters are still in existence, but

by now the ink so faded that it would be very difficult to read.

If you are at all interested in these records I will ask my Grand daughter to wrap and mail or express the bound copy at our Mich home to you.

My new great grand son Peter C. Dibble is thriving beautifully. His little mother is very busy. Her good colored woman helper has been on the sick list for several weeks. So "Grammy" has been glad to be of what help she can give. I will be going west within a few weeks.

kindest regards from
Ellen H. Nicol

Feb. 27 - 1954

Dear Dr. Gardner,

Comparing the handwriting of this "paper read by the 'Hon. Walter Folger Esq.'" I decide it was a copy made by his daughter - my grandmother - Eliza Folger Hazelton. Year not apparent.

Before I left the East I called upon Mrs. Hugh Hazelton at Englewood N. J. and find she is not at all well, having had a heart attack ~~since~~ the day before Christmas. She can see

Also enclosed a tribute to his
Mother my father wrote, which
I have treasured.

I have a photo of my Aunt:-
Josephine Hazelton Allen, Taken
about-1867 which I think is
charming.

visitors for only a few minutes.

Her oldest daughter plans
to resign her job and take
her Mother to the Conn. farm
in June or July where they
have a nice summer home.

My son-in-law, Sidney Cadwell,
and I came by train to our
long-time home in Grosse Pointe
Mich, arriving yesterday A. M.

Snow on the ground, less spring-
like than the New England region

Best wishes from

E. H. Nicol

March 4, 1954

Dear Mrs. Nicol :

I have waited your return to Grasse Point before sending this bundle of valuable material on your family.

Every item has been read with interest and much of it forms the background of many pages of my book on Walter Folger.

I am deeply indebted to you for your very friendly interest and generous cooperation.

The book will be out May 10th and I will send one of the first copies to you.

I have kept all your papers apart from my file so I hope that you will find them intact.

I think that it must be good to be back in your own home----- we all like changes but returns are also filled with pleasures.

With sincere gratitude and greetings

Mrs Mrs E.H. Nicol
436 Washington Road
Grosse Pointe 30, Michigan

*Mrs H's immensely
little return
Mrs Nicol
March 54*

15 January 1954

Dear Mrs Hazelton:

Through the kindness of Mrs. Nicol I have had the privilege of reading your letter to her of July 26th.

The story of your family has interested me very much. I hope you will allow me to use a little of it in my small book THE CLOCK that TALKS and WHAT IT TELLS.

I enclose the "work sheet" of the book so you may see its limited scope and the kind of treatment I try to give Walter.

I want to bring the Folger inheritance down to the present and I have found no character so illustrative as ~~your~~ Hugh. your Hugh.

Do you think that Caroline, Sylvia, Hugh and Elizabeth will object?

This goes to the Riverside Press the first of February. You may see some of them in the near future or advise me the best and surest way to reach them

This is the third book that I have written on our island families. The advance orders for it now have run over a thousand. The pictures will all be gravures and we hope to keep the price down to \$ 2.75.

Hoping that I may have your aid

Mrs Hugh Hazelton
Greenleaf Farm
Roxbury Conn.